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The Southern Ute Drum

HAPPY HOLIDAYS FROM THE DRUM STAFF TO YOU AND YOUR FAMILIES



Sacha Smith/SU Drum

The Colorado Commission of Indian Affairs held its last quarterly meeting of the year in Denver on Friday, Dec. 18. Representatives from multiple state agencies and council members the two Ute tribes were in attendance.

CCIA

Education, offensive mascots among topics at Denver meeting

By Sacha Smith
THE SOUTHERN UTE DRUM

Leaders of the Southern Ute and Ute Mountain Ute tribes met with state officials on Friday, Dec. 18 to share updates on current affairs.

The quarterly meeting of the Colorado Commission of Indian Affairs (CCIA) was held at the History Colorado Center in Denver. Southern Ute Chairman Clement J. Frost focused much of his report on the youth and education.

"I think the biggest thing is the lack of parent involvement," Frost said, mentioning that only four parents showed up to this year's Indian Policies and Procedures meeting held in Ignacio. "It's really important to me, that the parents get involved."

Frost commended the Ute Mountain Ute youth on the film they created titled "Escape" which focuses on the struggles Native American youth are going through – the film also won Best Student Film at the 2015 LA Skins Fest.

"It's hard for the kids today, they are being bullied ... it's within our own

communities," Frost said. "They need our support, leadership needs to be involved with our students."

Council Lady Amy J. Barry shared her concerns on education and standardized testing.

"The tribe has been working with the local superintendent to address standardized testing concerns," she said.

Barry said the Southern Ute Education Department and the local school district are also documenting and drafting letters of concern.

She also updated the commission on finalizing the youth component of CCIA. In the near future there will be Native youth representatives that will sit on the commission – including youth from Ute Mountain and Southern Ute tribes.

Another focus of the December 18 meeting was an update from the subcommittee formed to discuss the potentially offensive use of Native mascots in Colorado schools.

The committee hosts public meetings with the communities that have schools with offensive mascots or names and aims

to help educate them on Native American culture.

"This is the first time a Native American group has gone down to these schools," CCIA Executive Director, Ernest House Jr. said.

The committee has already visited their first school, the Strasburg High School Indians – a 45-minute drive east of Denver.

Ute Mountain Ute Vice Chairwoman Juanita Plenty Holes, who sits on the committee, said that the Strasburg community had already reached out to the Cheyenne and Arapaho tribes about the mascot and name, but were very open to discussion.

"[Strasburg community members] felt they were honoring the Indians," Plenty Holes said.

She went on to say that at times it is difficult since it is only a short-term committee, but she looks forward to visiting the other schools around the state.

A long time member of the CCIA, Lucille Echohawk of the Pawnee Nation, also sits on the mascot committee and shared the experience.

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A lasting tradition



Sacha Smith/SU Drum

The family of the late Chairman Leonard C. Burch led the 150 plus walkers out of the SunUte Community during the 4th Annual Leonard C. Burch Walk and Run, Thursday, Dec. 10.

More LCB Walk/Run photos on page 7.



Damon Toledo/SU Drum

Southern Ute Tribal Planner, Edward Box III provides information on how the development of CR 517 will be managed.

TRIBAL PLANNING

CR 517 will see improvements

Damon Toledo
THE SOUTHERN UTE DRUM

A development plan has been introduced that will oversee improvements on County Road (CR) 517, which began in 2013. The development is expected to improve public safety along CR 517 by adding sidewalks, bicycle lanes, and an additional stoplight that will intersect CR 517 and State Highway 172. Furthermore, the development will see improvements in traffic flow by adding a two way left turn lane (TWLTL), as well as eliminating drive-ways along CR 517.

Funding for the project will come from DOLA (Energy Impact Grant), Bureau of Indian Affairs, La Plata County, and Colorado Department of Transportation (CDOT).

The current conditions of CR 517 have been described as old and distressed, with limited crosswalks and no signalization. After years of careful planning, action has been taken into effect.

"[This development] is for the safety of the membership as well as tribal staff," said Edward Box III, tribal planner. "We have to set a plan about what's going to be done so we can find the right solutions. That's why we get opinions from the tribal members and staff."

Development on the road will begin summer 2016



Damon Toledo/SU Drum

Southern Ute Police Department Chief of Police, Ray Coriz, looks over the development plans for CR 517.

and will continue until the fall. The improvements will extend 0.6 miles to Howe Drive, just past the motor pool. A three-lane road will range to Peaceful Spirit with a TWLTL.

"Our goal is to collaborate with the county," April Toledo, construction project manager said. "The main focus here is pedestrian safety. We're here to provide that for our community."

Some concerns about the development have been addressed, but they are slim, according to Toledo.

"We had some comments on how an additional stoplight might not be necessary, but it'll held reduce traffic clutter."

"A concern I've heard is regarding road closures that go into CR 517, but that's minimal," Box said. "We're excited to get this development underway."

A spectacular Christmas



Damon Toledo/SU Drum

The Southern Ute Indian Tribe hosted its annual Christmas Dinner and Program on Saturday, Dec. 19, where Ute tribal members and families were treated with gift bags and performances by the Southern Ute Indian Montessori Academy. Santa Claus paid the kids a visit and provided a number of presents.

More Christmas photos on page 9-10.



AIR QUALITY

Confirmation notice of direct final rulemaking

EPA Commission's Reservation Air Code

Staff report The Southern Ute Indian Tribe's Air Quality Program has submitted the revisions to the United States Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) for review and the revisions will become effective upon EPA's approval. The purpose of the revisions were to : (1) add an express statement regarding the Tribe's pre-permitting investigation and information requesting authority, (2) add a provision confirming the Tribe's authority to issue emergency cease-and-desist orders, and (3) add an "all other incidental powers" provision. A copy of the Commission's Reservation Air Code is available at the following website: www.southern-ute-nsn.gov/environmental-commission. For further information contact: Mark Hutson, Program Manager, Air Quality Program, Southern Ute Indian Tribe, P.O. Box 737 MS#84, Ignacio, Colorado, 81137; telephone number 970-563-0100, ext. 2206; and mhutson@southern-ute-nsn.gov.

Archuleta retires from Tribe



photos Robert L. Ortiz/SU Drum

Josie Archuleta, retires from the Southern Ute Indian Tribe's Permanent Fund, her official last day was Thursday, Dec. 17, where she worked as a custodian for 21 years. A reception was held in the Hall of Warriors – co-workers, friends and family wished her well. Archuleta plans to continue serving in the San Ignatius Catholic Church.



In a symbolic gesture, Josie Archuleta hands over her work keys to Custodial Services Supervisor, Jess Badwin. Badwin says of Mrs. Archuleta, "She is very reliable and she will be greatly missed."

Josie Archuleta holds her twenty-year pin she received for her years of dedicated work. Josie started working as a floater, working in almost all of the Tribal buildings.

SUPD awards academy

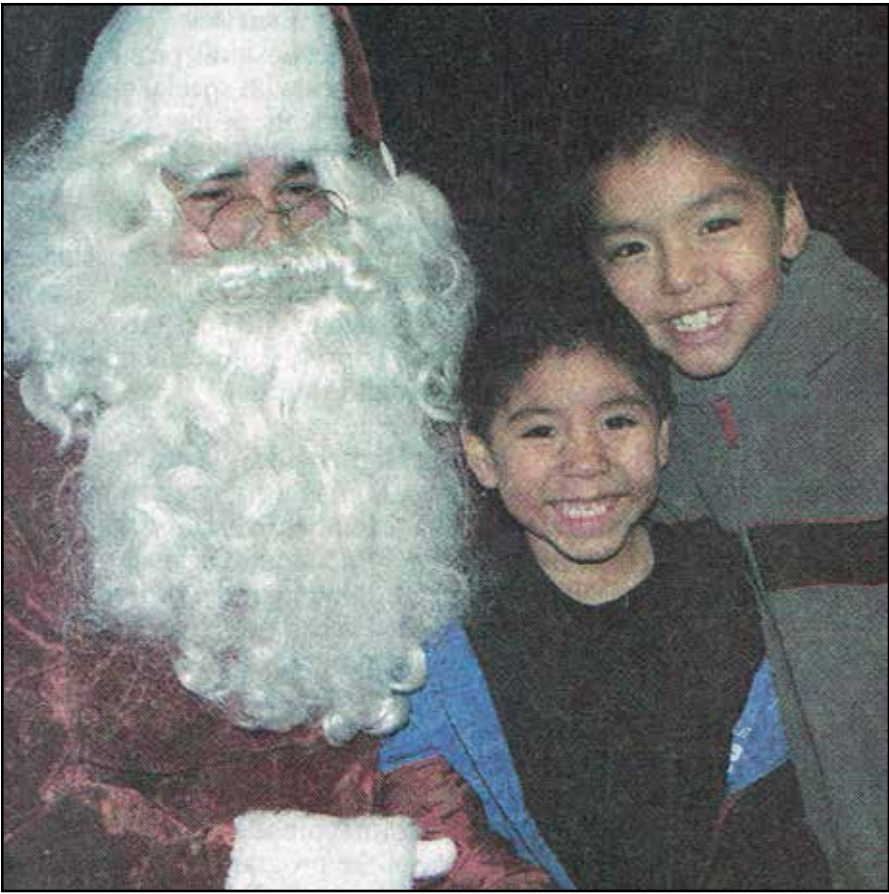


Damon Toledo/SU Drum

The Southern Ute Indian Montessori Academy was visited by Community Resource Officer Don Folsom and Lieutenant Juan Martinez from the Southern Ute Police Department for a special award ceremony as part of the "Protecting You, Protecting Me" program. The program educates native students on learning proper safety techniques that will benefit them during their every day lives. Topics include drunk driving, critical thinking, and stress management. Lt. Juan Martinez presents Tarah Baker with her safety award.



Many Moons Ago



Dave Brown/SU Drum archive

10 years ago

Old Saint Nick made an appearance at the Tribal Christmas program, complete with gifts for the kids. Pictured here with Santa Claus are C.J. Cloud (middle) and Christopher Cloud (right).

This photo first appeared in the Dec. 27, 2005, edition of The Southern Ute Drum.



John Rehorn/SU Drum archive

20 years ago

Ignacio Head Start kids make their yearly rounds to sing Christmas carols the morning of December 14 they left their classes just after 9 AM and sang almost everywhere. Both the Tribal Buildings and the Town of Ignacio Businesses were treated to their songs and (not so) coordinated melodies. The Senior Center facility tour gave the folks and old fashion group caroling experience.

This photo first appeared in the Dec. 22, 1995, edition of The Southern Ute Drum.



SU Drum archive

30 years ago

Tribal singers Eddie Box Sr. and family along with Councilman Leonard Burch at the Tribal Christmas party.

This photo first appeared in the Dec. 27, 1985, edition of The Southern Ute Drum.

LOCAL UPDATE

FIREWOOD PICK UP AND DELIVERY NOTICE

With the upcoming holidays please plan ahead for firewood pick up's and deliveries. Firewood deliveries are on Tuesdays and Thursdays, firewood pick up days are on Mondays and Wednesdays. Our office will be closed on Dec. 25, 2015 and January 1, 2016. Please call 970-563-4780 for further information.

MUSEUM UPDATE

Museum Christmas/New Year's Holiday Hours

The Southern Ute Cultural Center and Museum will be closed beginning Thursday, Dec. 24, and reopen on Tuesday, Jan. 5.



TRIBAL COURT

New year brings new code and Court of Appeals

Staff report
SU TRIBAL COURT

For some, the New Year is a time to focus on evaluating and improving themselves. In that same vein, Tribal Council has evaluated the Appellate Code and the Tribe's court of appeals—the Southwest Intertribal Court of Appeals—and has seen a need for improvement. Tribal Council was concerned about the delays in the Southwest Intertribal Court of Appeals' processing of appeals from tribal court, and wanted to find an appellate court system that could better meet litigants' needs. So on January 1st, a new Appellate Code and a new court of appeals—the Northwest Intertribal Court System—become effective.

The Northwest Intertribal Court System (NICS) is a non-profit organization established in 1979 that provides tribal appellate services and related court services. NICS has an established track record of reaching its decisions in a timely manner. NICS assisted the Tribe with revising the Appellate Code. NICS has a roster of justices that the Tribe will select from to serve as the Tribe's roster of justices for its court of appeals. A decision before the court of appeals will be heard by a three-justice panel. Justices must be licensed in a state to practice law and will have at least five years' experience of practicing or teaching law.

So how will this affect you? If you have a case before the Tribal Court and

disagree with its decision, you may appeal that decision under the revised Code. Within 30 calendar days after the Tribal Court judgment or order, parties may appeal by filing a Notice of Appeal with the Tribal Court clerk, serving the appeal on the other party, and paying the filing fee. The Tribal Court will set the filing fee based in large part on the Tribal Court's administrative costs. Some types of decisions may be appealed sooner.

You must still comply with a judgment that you appeal, unless you ask the Tribal Court to postpone the effect of the decision (called a "stay") and the Tribal Court grants it. To determine whether to grant the stay, the Tribal Court will consider certain factors. You may also have to post a bond.

After you file, serve, and pay the filing fee, the Tribal Court clerk will certify and send the record to NICS and the parties. The record is the documentation compiled during the Tribal Court's decision. Either party or NICS may correct any errors or omissions in the record. Once the record is finalized, NICS will inform the parties when to submit their written arguments, which are also called "briefs". If appealing, you must file an opening brief, the other party must file a response, and you may file a reply. Non parties may request or be asked to file a brief in support of a party's position. The briefing stage is critical because generally issues that are not briefed will not be considered at oral argument.

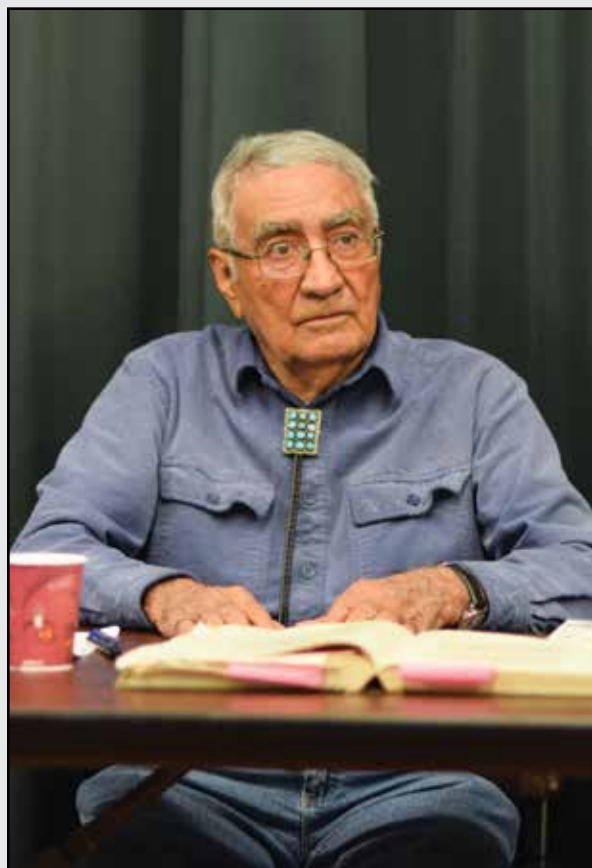
After reading the briefs and conducting oral argument, the three-justice panel will decide the case. The justices will uphold the Tribal Court's factual findings unless no evidence supports a jury's decision or the findings are clearly erroneous. The justices will not give deference to the Tribal Court's conclusions of law. The justices, however, will generally uphold the Tribal Court's exercise of discretion if it was applied appropriately and it was not an abuse. By a majority vote, the justices may affirm, modify, or reverse a Tribal Court decision; order a new trial or remand it to the Tribal Court; or make any other appropriate ruling.

Finally, the justices may award costs, but generally not attorney's fees, except for frivolous appeals. And if no relevant Tribal or federal law exists to address a particular issue, the Court of Appeals may consider Colorado or federal law as persuasive authority.

If you bring an appeal in the New Year, you will be doing so under the revised Appellate Code and your appeal will be heard before the Northwest Intertribal Court System's justices. NICS generally hears appeals within 90 days, which is much quicker than the current system.

Tribal Council will continue working on revisions and updates to other codes, and the tribal membership and tribal employees will have an opportunity to comment on those codes before they are enacted.

Rael talks 'Being & Vibration'



Damon Toledo/SU Drum

Southern Ute tribal elder, Joseph Rael Sr. made his latest appearance at Ignacio Library on Thursday, Dec. 10 to discuss his newest release, "Being & Vibration: Entering the New World." Rael went into detail about his book and how everything on the Earth is sacred. "We travel around in a circle, because what goes around comes around," he said. "We die and are born again. We are one with everything on Planet Earth because we purify ourselves through our existence here. Everything has a being, and everything has a vibration."

Beadwork Challenge

The next Beadwork Challenge is a pair of beaded earrings, any style, any color. It's completely up to you!
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Tribal Elder Luncheon
January 15, 2016

Culture Center
12:00 to 1:30 PM

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For more information call the Culture Dept. at 970-563-0100, ext. 3620, or 2306.

Christmas POWWOW

December 26, 2015

SOUTHERN UTE MULTI-PURPOSE BLDG.

Gourd Dance 3 - 5 p.m.

Potluck Dinner: 5 p.m.

Powwow Grand Entry: 7 p.m.

HEAD STAFF

MC - Eddie Box Jr.

Head Lady - Ellie Seibel

Head Man - Hunter Frost

Little Girl Head Dancer - Little Miss S.U., Krystyn Weaver

Little Boy Head Dancer - S.U. Brave, Dewayne Hendren

Host Drums - TBA

SPECIALS

Prettiest Shawl Contest (Winner-take-all)

Two-step Contest (Winner-take-all)

Switch Dance Contest (1st, 2nd and 3rd places)

Gingerbread House Contest (Winner-take-all)

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VETERANS AFFAIRS

Veterans benefits meetings at the Ignacio Library

Staff report
BY RICHARD S. SCHLEETER

The La Plata County Veterans Service Officer (CVSO), Richard S. Schleeter, will hold office hours for veterans to meet with him and learn more about their veterans benefits on the First Wednesday of each month beginning Jan. 6, 2016 from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. At the Ignacio Community Library, 470 Goddard Ave., in Ignacio. Appointments in Ignacio can be made by calling 970-759-0117, or 970-382-6150, and walk-ins are welcome.

The main objective of the Veterans Service Office is to provide prevention, protection, advocacy and support services to veterans and their families so they can maximize their quality of life, well-being and potential. The CVSO provides information and assistance to veterans and their families. Every veteran is encouraged to contact the CVSO to find out more about their VA benefits.

The La Plata County Veterans Service Officer is looking forward to meeting with Ignacio area veterans monthly at this new outreach location.

OFFENSIVE MASCOTS DISCUSSED • FROM PAGE 1

rience she had at Strasburg. “Strasburg did not disappoint,” she said. “They were very strong willed and open minded.”

Echohawk said she discussed the sacredness of the eagle feather with community members and explained why having an eagle feather on the gym floor as part of the Indian caricature can be seen as offensive.

Though Council Lady Barry was unable to make it to Strasburg, she plans to visit the rest of the schools as a committee member; she shared some of her thoughts on offensive mascots.

Barry said that there is an educational component to why mascots aren’t being perceived as offensive and that what is being taught in Colorado schools about the history of Native Americans may be apart of that.

“We have to revisit the curriculum to make sure it is true and correct. If it is incorrect, is it their fault?”

Ute Mountain Ute Chairman Manuel Heart thanked Governor Hickenlooper for forming the committee and reminded members to make recommendations that honor Native Americans and to continue educating the communities they visit.

After visiting the various schools the committee will provide recommendations to the Colorado Legislature in March.

The next schools the committee is set to visit are: the Loveland Indians, La Veta Redskins, Lamar Savages, and the Eaton Reds.



Lamar Savages



La Veta Redskins



Eaton Reds

Social Services hosts lunch



photos Damon Toledo/SU Drum

The Southern Ute Social Services Department hosted a holiday get together for children and adults that are in their care, on Tuesday, Dec. 22. To celebrate the holiday season all guests were treated to lunch and a gift on behalf of the Social Services Department. Velma Armijo reads a ticket number and hands out Christmas gifts.



Velma Armijo from Social Services gives a gift to Jeremiah Nez.

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FORT LEWIS COLLEGE

Career fair to be held at FLC

Staff report
THE POWeR CAREER FAIR
COMMITTEE

The 3rd annual PoWeR Career Fair will be held at Fort Lewis College on Jan. 7, 2016. PoWeR stands for Post-Secondary Workforce Readiness and this fair is focused on preparing students for success following their high school years through the exploration of career fields.

High school students and community members alike share the excitement of this event. This year we anticipate around 1900 students from Durango, Animas, Bayfield, Ignacio, Pagosa Springs, Mancos, Cortez, Dolores and Dove Creek high schools to attend. We would like to invite you to participate in this year's PoWeR Career Fair.

The PoWeR Career Fair

will be held on Thursday, Jan. 7, 2016, from 8:15 a.m. to 2 p.m. Coffee and tea, light breakfast goodies and lunch will be provided.

To sign-up please visit www.mapmypath.org. For questions please contact Natalie Bertrand at nbertrand@sjboces.org or 970-403-6218.

There are few different ways to participate this year.

CLASSROOM PANEL PRESENTER

You would talk about your career to four groups of students (40 minutes each session) as one of two or three panel members who have careers in a similar career cluster. Members of the panels will have 7-10 minutes to present to the groups about their work responsibilities, required training, career outlook, ca-

reers in similar fields/lines of work etc., and to answer questions from the students.

THE POWER ZONE BOOTH/TABLE PRESENTER

You or your business would have a table in a gymnasium and meet individually with students to discuss your career and/or your business. In this setting you may promote your business and any opportunities available to students: job shadow, internship, summer work, employment after high school.

CLASSROOM MODERATOR

You would be responsible for introducing the panel presenters, keeping time and monitor students for each session.

STUDENTS OF THE MONTH

The Southern Ute Education Department and staff introduced a special recognition program last year, the program for the young and the talented Southern Ute students attending Ignacio public schools. The staff will recognize two students a month for all their hard work and kindness given to others. Check the Drum each month and listen to KSUT for the announcement of the next honored students as well as an interview.



Damon Toledo/SU Drum

CYRUS NARANJO

My name is Cyrus Naranjo. I attend Ignacio Middle School, where I am a 6th grader. My favorite subjects in school are science, language arts, SSR and P.E. My parents are Marvinia Olguin and Nelson Naranjo. I like participating in wrestling, skateboarding, and snowboarding. In addition, I want to be an artist when I grow up. I want to go to college at Fort Lewis after high school. I have been chosen as Southern Ute Tribal Student of the Month for the month of November because I am working hard on my schoolwork.

I would like to thank the teachers for nominating me for the Student of the Month, and I'd like to give a shout-out to Jaden Valencia for being my friend for all these years!

Teachers comments: Cyrus has shown fantastic growth in his studies this school year. Teachers and students at school enjoy Cyrus with his positive attitude, warm smile and willingness to help others. The enthusiasm is contagious!

EDUCATION UPDATE

JOM MEETING

The next Johnson-O'Malley Committee meeting is scheduled for Monday, January 4, 2016 at 5:30 p.m. in the Southern Ute Education Building.

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Are you looking for something fun to do over break from school? Are you interested in Art?

If you are in 6th—12th grades and a Southern Ute Tribal Member, enrolled Johnson O'Malley, or first generation Descendant, please join us for two exciting opportunities!

The Southern Ute Education Department is pleased to welcome Mr. Steve Arhontoulis, a senior majoring in graphic design, at Susquehanna University in Selinsgrove, Pennsylvania. He will be introducing the concepts of graphic design and getting into cartooning and lettering.

He will be our guest for two days ONLY! He will be introducing these concepts in two sessions each day, Monday, December 28, and Tuesday, December 29, 2015 at 10:00am-12:30pm and 1:00pm-3:30pm. **Lunch is provided!!!**

To register, please contact the Education Department Teachers at 970-563-0237.

This class will be held on Monday, December 28, 2015. Please be at the Education Building at 10:00 AM for the first session, and 1:00 PM for the second session.

This class will be held on Tuesday, December 29, 2015. Please be at the Education Building at 10:00 AM for the first session, and 1:00 PM for the second session.

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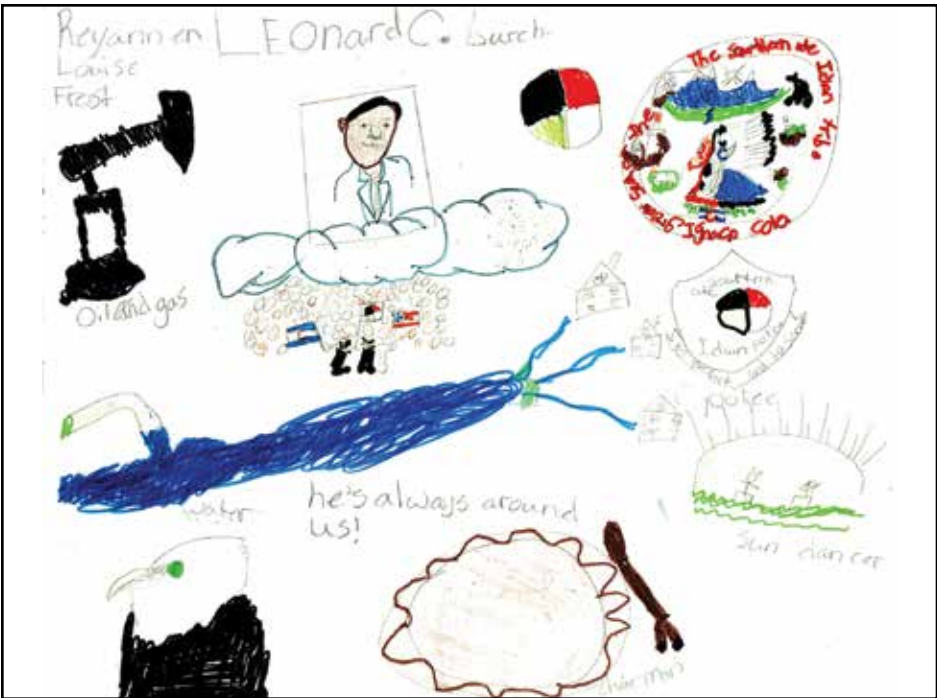
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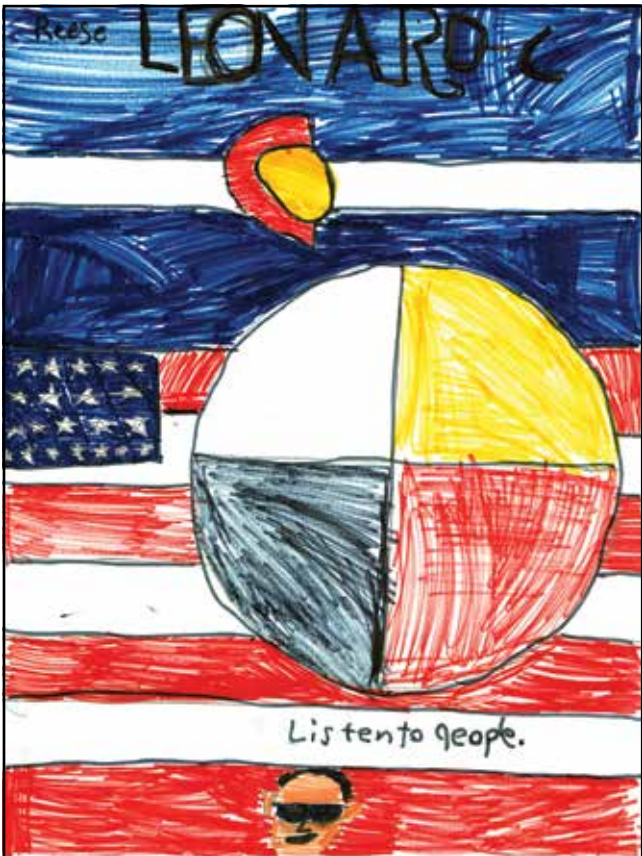


1st Place: Ruby Tallbird – Ignacio Elementary School (Kindergarten)



1st Place: Reyannen L. Frost – Ignacio Elementary School (1st Grade)

Leonard C. Burch Day contest winners



1st Place: Reese Appenzeller
Ignacio Elementary School (2nd Grade)

Leadership

By Tamarius Roland
1st Place, 4th Grade

L eonard C. Burch
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1st Place: Derek Sage – SUIMA, Lower Elementary 2 (3rd Grade)



Robert L. Ortiz/SU Drum

Leonard C. Burch's family members stand with two winners of the Leonard C. Burch Day Literacy & Art contest, 1st place winner in the 2nd grade category, Derek Sage (center) and 1st place in the 4th and 5th grade literacy category, Tamarius Roland (to Derek's left). The awards were presented to the Southern Ute Indian Montessori Academy students on Friday, Dec. 18 in the SunUte meeting room while other awards were presented in the Ignacio Schools respectively.

Leonard C. Burch

By Matthew Belleau
2ND PLACE, 7TH GRADE

What do you think makes a quality leader? There have been many thousands of leaders all throughout history, some real, some fiction, but two figures really stand out to me; Leonard C. Burch and Winston Churchill. These two men have shown leadership to me in a myriad of ways, and also demonstrate three important leadership qualities; honor, integrity, and intelligence.

The first quality, honor, is important because as a leader and a role model, you must not only know the difference between right and wrong, but you must act on it, and make the right decisions. As a leader you must be able to show respect, esteem, and dignity. For example, people who show leadership qualities must know the difference between right and wrong and act on it. The second quality, integrity, is important because as a leader, you must have high moral standards, and always be honest. For example, leaders must be true to their word and always do the right thing. The third and final quality, intelligence, is important because even if you're not a leader, you must know how to handle various situations and know what to do in certain circumstances.

es. Leaders show this quality by being able to make quick decisions and know that they're the right ones. Leonard C. Burch certainly showed all of these qualities. He showed honor by not backing down when people thought things wouldn't work and knew what was right and wrong. He showed integrity by keeping himself to high moral standards and believed in himself and his tribe. He showed intelligence in his dealings with companies about oil, land and water rights, and was continually elected to be the tribal chairman, all the while maintaining a cooperative relationship with the U.S. Government, the State of Colorado, and neighboring governments.

Another person I see as a leader, Winston Churchill, was another shining example of these three qualities. He showed honor by leading his country valiantly. He showed integrity by not allowing himself to bow to public opinion. He showed intelligence through is strategy and actions as Prime Minister. He lead the war against the Axis powers in World War II, never giving up in the face of evil.

I also do several things that show leadership. For example, I participate in Student Council proceedings, help-

What Makes a Leader

By Rylee Pearson
3rd place, 7th grade

What do you think makes a leader? I think what makes leader are people who have bravery, honesty, and integrity. Although there are many leaders in the world, two leaders to me are Leonard C. Burch and my grandpa.

The traits that support a leader are bravery, honesty, and integrity. What does bravery mean to you? Bravery means someone who is not afraid to stand up and do what's right. Another trait for a leader is honesty. Honesty means someone who tells the truth no matter how hard the truth is. The last trait is integrity. Integrity means being a good person and doing what's right.

One leader to me is Leonard C. Burch. He demonstrated bravery in many ways. One way Mr. Burch showed bravery was by standing up and running for chairmen. Another way Mr. Burch showed bravery was by being in the Air Force. Mr. Burch also showed honesty by not telling a lie to his people or his community. The last trait is integrity. Mr. Burch showed integrity by being a leader for his people and helping others. Mr. Burch was a great man and human being. He helped many families and many schools in Ignacio, Colorado. Mr.

Burch was a family man; he had seven daughters. Their names are Leonora Burch, Leona Burch, Lena Mae Burch, Lisa Burch-Frost, Leona Lucero, Lauren Burch and Lynette Sage. His wife's name was Irene. Mr. Burch also had fourteen grandchildren.

One trait that leaders have is bravery. Leaders show bravery by being fair to other people and they help others in need. For an example, my grandpa is a firefighter. He saves many lives everyday. I will never forget this one time when we were camping. I was running down this hill and he told me that I should slow down! I didn't listen. Right when he told me to slow down again, I tripped over this big rock and slid a few feet. I got a big gash on my knee. I saw him rushing towards me. He picked me up and brought me in our camper, sat me down on the bed and asked me if I wanted bandages. I said, "Yes please" and he wrapped a bandage on my knee. That's why I know my grandpa is one of my leaders.

I think a hero should also be honest. One way I know that my grandpa is honest is when I ask him if he wants to go rock climbing or if he wants to play the wii with me, he might say yes or no. When he says yes he is honest and plays the wii

Leonard C. Burch Day

By Santana Edd-Belin
1st place, 8th Grade

"No one is born hating another person because of the color of his skin, or his background, or his religion. People must learn to hate, and if they can learn to hate, they can be taught to love, for love comes more naturally to the human heart than its opposite." – Nelson Mandela.

I think everyone has that moment, that experience of clicking on a new more daunting headset that changes your perspective of most things and for me it was everything. Before leadership meant 'control' and 'power' but now after my perspective changed leadership means stepping up and take charge even when things get hard and "have courage and be kind" (this is what Disney teaches me :)) Leadership isn't something you can take, you have to earn it.

Being a leader is harder than most things and most of the time you don't realize when you're a leader. Being a leader is having the qualities of honesty and awareness and know what to do and say in any type of crisis.

Leaders are the people in the world who accept that the world we live in isn't perfect and it can never be perfect be we can make it our home, a safe place.

Being a leader was one of Leonard C. Burch many

trademarks he left behind. He was quiet eligible to many well deserved titles and one that he claimed was chairman which he took with pride and did his best to fulfill his duties to the law expressing his hardwork and dedication by being the voice of the people. Leaders are usually someone you can trust and admire. Leonard C. Burch was able to make a strong reliable relationship with many people who trusted him with many things. Burch was a very admirable man who was hardworking and steadfast with every problem he was assigned. He had every characteristic that was need for a great memorable leader who will be remembered for years to come.

When people aren't there to comfort you, to tell you you're safe sometimes you just need to melt away in music or drown in the peaceful yet comforting silence of an animal's company. Sometimes animals can be the best leaders in the world. I can trust that my animals will always be there for me and will know what to do even if they can't speak to me, but from time to time someone's or something's actions are all you need. One of my animals who I can always be reassured that they will sooth my worries is my kitten Queen of Sheba or She-



Community walks to remember Burch



Sacha Smith/SU Drum

The Burch Family poses for a photo after the completion of the fourth memorial walk held in honor of their relative and past chairman Leonard C. Burch.



Sacha Smith/SU Drum

Brandon Lucero carries his late grandfather Burch's Eagle Staff alongside Lena Burch-Gallegos during the one-mile memorial walk.

Over 150 Southern Ute tribal members, tribal employees and community members made it out to the 4th Annual Leonard C. Burch Memorial Walk/Run on Thursday, Dec. 10. The memorial walk includes a one-mile walk, indoor track for elders and a 5k run.



Trennie Collins/SU Drum

Mrs. Irene Burch (right) and Mrs. DeKay (left) roll with the rhythm of the Zumba music at the Leonard C. Burch Walk/Run held on Dec. 10.



Sacha Smith/SU Drum

Kyle Thompson and Marie Joy Carel share a smile as they make their way back towards the finish line at the SunUte Community Center.



Sacha Smith/SU Drum

A sea of blue was seen on coming down Scotts Pond Rd. Over 150 community members participated in the memorial walk.



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Many of the youth opted for the more challenging 5k course on Leonard C. Burch Day, Thursday, Dec. 10.



Trennie Collins/SU Drum

Kaycee Jefferson leads a pack of kids who chose to run instead of walk.



Trennie Collins/SU Drum

Lisa Burch-Frost and Leonora Burch congratulate winner Velma Armijo on her prize of half-day of administrative leave from work.



Trennie Collins/SU Drum

Irene Burch kisses the hand of her great granddaughter Cassidy Tahlo after she came inside from her walk.



Trennie Collins/SU Drum

Lena Burch-Gallegos shakes the hand of the eldest walker, 100-year-old Gladys Cook, came out to show some support for Mr. Burch and his family.



Spreading the Christmas spirit in Ignacio

Santa visits the academy



photos Robert L. Ortiz/SU Drum

Candin Johnson explains to Santa exactly what he wants for Christmas, during the annual Christmas luncheon. The potluck luncheon is held annually for the Southern Ute Indian Montessori Academy's Primary through Upper Elementary students and their families.



Two-month old, Jace Rock celebrates his first Christmas in Santa's arms, at the academy luncheon, his proud parents are Kaylee Cuthair and Jordan Rock.

Academy girls open and compare their dolls they received as part of the gift exchange during the annual Christmas potluck luncheon.

Christmas holiday lunch



photos Sacha Smith/SU Drum

Southern Ute Montessori Head Start Students sing Christmas songs to their families during the Head Start Christmas Lunch on Wednesday, Dec. 16.



Southern Ute Montessori Head Start students and their families were treated to Christmas Ham, scalloped potatoes, rolls and jell-o at the Head Start's Christmas lunch.

Theresa Harlan and grandson Treon Joseph share a smile during the Head Start Christmas party Wednesday, Dec. 16.

Sharing cookies



Robert L. Ortiz/SU Drum

The Peaceful Spirit's Healing Spirits program held a cookie exchange on Sunday, Dec. 20 at the Peaceful Spirit center. Community members baked and exchanged cookies in the spirit of Christmas. The Healing Spirits program will be holding two more upcoming events: A New Year Sobriety Walk on Jan. 1, 2016 beginning at 8 a.m. from the Southern Ute Veterans Memorial Park and a Sobriety Powwow to be held on Jan. 2. Grand entry will be at 1 and 7 p.m. at the SunUte Community Center.

Elementary Christmas lunch



photos Robert L. Ortiz/SU Drum

Ignacio Elementary students shared Christmas lunch with their families on Thursday, Dec. 17 in Cafe Lupe at the Elementary School.

A few of Santa's helpers and elves helped serve the Christmas lunch at the Ignacio Elementary School.



Bagging Christmas goodies



Damon Toledo/SU Drum

Over 700 Christmas bags were prepared by Ignacio High School, Native American Studies Class, and the Sunshine Cloud Smith Youth Advisory Council and were handed out at the Tribal Christmas Dinner and Program Saturday, Dec. 19.

Santa makes the rounds



Robert L. Ortiz/SU Drum

Ol' Saint Nick visited the Southern Ute Indian Tribal offices Friday, Dec.18, making his rounds in the offices and stopping in to see Chief Financial Officer Brian Zink to make a crucial popcorn ball handoff.



The Christmas Program was a jolly one, as Mr. and Mrs. Claus surprised the kids with gifts and Christmas treats.

Let it snow!

The annual Southern Ute Christmas program “Let It Snow! Let It Snow!” brought the holiday cheer to Ignacio, bringing the community together for the festivities. The program was held on Saturday, Dec. 19 at Sky Ute Casino Resort, and featured performances from the Southern Ute Indian Montessori Academy, as well as a visit from Mr. and Mrs. Claus.

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The Southern Ute Drum



Southern Ute Brave, Dewayne Hendren, wishes everyone a Merry Christmas.



Kyle Rima and Terena Hight from upper elementary give a jolly performance.



Ava Morgan thanks Santa for her present.



Olaf from “Frozen” accompanies SUIMA students during the song “Summer”.



Dominique Rael and Autumn Sage give a delightful performance of the song “Let It Go” from the movie Frozen.



Coming together for Christmas meal



Southern Ute and Ute Mountain Ute Council members provided welcomes to those in attendance at Saturday's meal. Southern Ute Royalty and Sunshine Cloud Smith Youth Advisory Council Chairman, Issac Suina also welcomed guests and families of the three Ute tribes.

Ute tribal members and families from the Ute tribes came together for the Southern Ute Indian Tribe's Annual Tribal Christmas Dinner Saturday, Dec. 19 at the Sky Ute Casino Resort. The meal was complete with turkey, prime rib and the fixings. After dinner, the Southern Ute Indian Montessori Academy students treated guests to a show.



Sibrya Larry was dressed to impress at this year's Tribal Christmas Dinner.



The Sunshine Cloud Smith Youth Advisory Council sported their Christmas themed attire at this year's dinner.



The annual Tribal Christmas dinner had guests of all ages smiling as they made their way through the buffet line.

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The Southern Ute Drum



Elliott Hendren waits for a piece of prime rib to make his Christmas dish complete.

A trip to the North Pole



photos Smith/SU Drum

Chef Twinkle makes a red mark on three-month old Ezra Watts' nose while he lies in his great-aunt Marietta Watts' arms during the Polar Express train ride on the Durango & Silverton Narrow Gauge Railroad, Monday, Dec. 21.



The trip sponsored in large part by SunUte Recreation and gave tribal member families a chance to experience the Polar Express train ride for only five dollars a person.

After picking up Santa from the North Pole, he was gracious enough to visit every child on the way back to the station.

Upcoming Holiday Tribal Office Closures

- Dec. 25 Christmas
- Jan. 1, 2016 New Year's Day

Happy holidays from The Southern Ute Drum



ENTERTAINMENT

‘The Ridiculous Six’ gets local screening



Robert L. Ortiz/SU Drum

The Wildcats basketball team take time to welcome those in attendance to the local screening of ‘The Ridiculous Six’, an Adam Sandler movie in which Ignacio teen Bird Red (in front) was an extra in the movie. The screening served as a fundraiser for the Wildcats basketball team on Friday, Dec. 11 in the Ignacio High School Performing Arts Center.

By Robert L. Ortiz
THE SOUTHERN UTE DRUM

Ignacio teen Bird J. Red got a taste of the silver screen as he appeared as an extra in the Adam Sandler comedy, ‘The Ridiculous Six.’ The local premier was held at Ignacio High School and served as a fundraiser for Red’s basketball team, the Wildcats.

Fourteen-year-old Red, an eighth grade theater student at Ignacio Middle School, spent five days filming on location in Las Vegas and Santa Fe, NM in April.

When asked about his experience working on the

film, Red said, “It was awesome! I got to hang out with some celebrities, Adam Sandler himself and Rob Schneider, Taylor Lautner (of Twilight fame) and Terry Cruz.”

Always provided meals throughout the day all youth were required to go to school for three hours a day.

“Teachers were provided for the kids who were in the movie, and we all worked on our homework from our schools – there were hundreds of kids in the school house,” Red said.

Hired as an extra, (Apache boy, No. 127) no speaking lines, Red appears momentarily in wedding

and celebration scenes.

Red recalls his time on set hanging out with the other children

“We’re rez kids, we went down to the river to catch crawdads, there were hundreds of crawdads at this ranch.”

Red being a huge fan of Sandler was excited to finally meet him.

Carmen Ryder, who traveled with the rest of Bird’s family, commented about the experience.

“It was a great experience, seeing how it really is in the film industry. It takes a lot of patience, they would take hundreds of shots to make one scene.”

“Yes!” expressed Red about receiving his first check from Madison Productions, then added, “why is there such a thing called taxes?”

Where does he go from here?

“I intend to get leads in speaking roles and make my way to the top,” he said.

Controversy surrounding ‘The Ridiculous Six’ was unavoidable and made national headlines. Many Native actors walked off the set citing stereotypes, and demeaning references to Native Americans in the film for their reasoning.

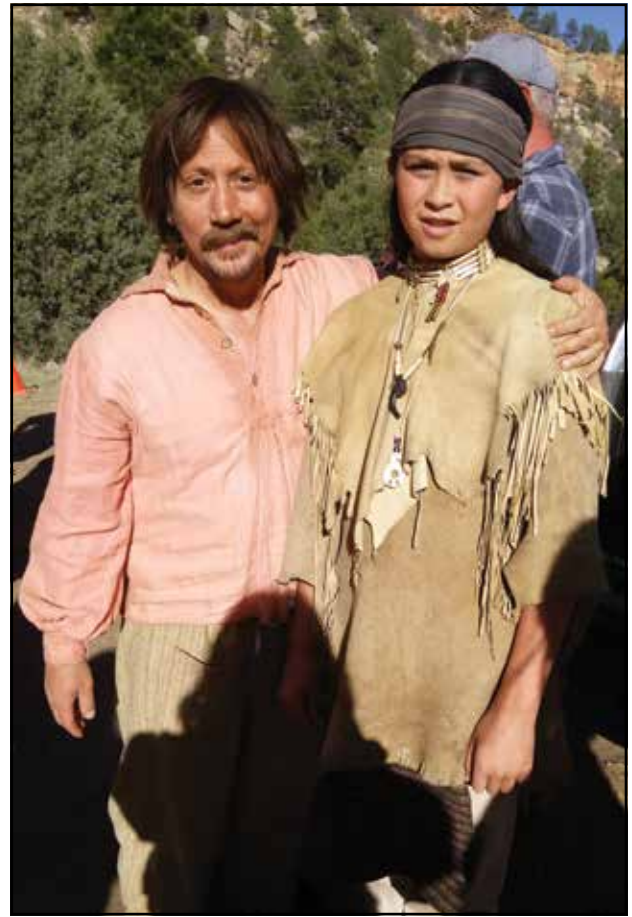
In an interview from Indian Country Today Media Network about a dozen Native American actors walked off set as the actors took offense to racially charged jokes.

“They just treated us as if we should just be on the side,” Loren Anthony, one of the actors who walked off the set, told ICTMN. “When we did speak with the main director, he was trying to say the disrespect was not intentional and this was a comedy.”

When asked about the controversy, Red said he was not exposed to the controversial scenes while on set.

“It didn’t phase me,” Red said, but stated, “Be prepared for some backlash.”

Taylor Lautner of the Twilight series said of the film in an interview with Ryan Seacrest.



courtesy Carmen Ryder

Bird Red with Rob Schneider on set. Schneider asked Red if his hair was real and how old and how tall he was. Red replied, “I’m 13.” Schneider said, “I’m 40 and you’re taller than me!”

“I read the script and it absolutely terrified me and the role terrified me,” Lautner told Seacrest. “And I said, ‘Jesus, there’s no way I’m doing this.’ And then I thought about it ... I said to myself, ‘If I go for this and don’t hold back, what can go wrong?’”

Adam Sandler has defended his forthcoming Netflix comedy “The Ridiculous Six” saying that

the recent protests by Native American extras were a “misunderstanding”.

Speaking at the premiere of Pixels, Sandler told the Associated Press that the controversy was “just a misunderstanding and once the movie was out it will be cleared up”. The Associated Press also reported Sandler as saying the film is “100 percent pro-American Indian”.

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IHS GIRLS BASKETBALL

Lady Cats roar past SJBL rivals

By Joel Priest
SPECIAL TO THE DRUM

Able to cut backdoor all night almost at will, senior forward Ellie Seibel posted a game-best 15 points in helping the Ignacio girls win their 2A/1A San Juan Basin League opener Dec. 17 at loop rivals Dolores.

But two shots in particular truly captured the essence of the Lady Bobcats' triumph, and both came off the hand of senior guard Chrystianne Valdez. The second, occurring late in the 48-30 victory, was actually a misfire but the ball humorously became wedged between the rim and the backboard. And adding insult to injury, it dropped through the net when an official managed to knock it loose.

Her first notable attempt, however, left DHS boss Larry Schwartz with no choice but to use a timeout down 12-6 with 1:58 left in the first quarter after Valdez somehow banked in a three-pointer from the corner in front of the Lady Bears' bench – giving Ignacio already three hits from long range en route to an 18-7 advantage (after Seibel's first two close-range strikes) after eight completed minutes.

Despite outscoring their guests 13-12 in the second quarter, Dolores would never get closer than ten points (30-20 at halftime) the rest of the way, as IHS exploded to take the third 15-3 and decisively separate.

Seven-of-11 free-throw shooting during the closing eight minutes came as little comfort to the home team, having been held by the visitors to just one field goal – by freshman forward Aryelle Wright (six points, 4-6 FT) in the third – during the entire second half.

Senior guard Nichole Kibel's seven first-half points held as DHS' high count in defeat, senior guard Larissa Umberger (4-7 FT) equaled Wright's



Joel Priest/Special to the Drum

Ignacio's Ellie Seibel (12) goes up for a shot against Dolores' Teegan Hite (14) during December 17 action at DHS. Helped by Seibel's 15 points, the Lady 'Cats won 48-30 on the road.



Joel Priest/Special to the Drum

Ignacio's Alejandra Lujan (23) stops a Dolores player in her tracks – while hardly leaving her own – during December 17 action at DHS. The Lady 'Cats won 48-30 on the road.

half-dozen and junior wing Madi Archuleta contributed four.

Valdez finished with seven points for Ignacio, as did Avionne Gomez (4-10 FT) before she fouled out with 3:40 left in the game. Guard Cortney Wilson-Baker and forward Miriam Fernandez-Lopez each booked six coming off Shane Seibel's bench, and forward Gibran Silva scored two to make for an excellent outing for the substitutes.

Running the show from the point guard position, sophomore Hilda Garcia scored five points as IHS improved to 4-2 (1-0 SJBL) heading into the holiday break while Dolores dipped to 3-3 (1-1).

Mirroring the Bobcat boys' schedule, the Lady Cats are slated to start the 2016 side of theirs Jan. 8 against Ridgway, resuming SJBL work, which then continues at Mancos on the 15th and at Telluride on the 16th.



Joel Priest/Special to the Drum

Ignacio's Tucker Ward (22) rushes in to congratulate teammate Joaquin King after King's buzzer beating three-pointer ending the first quarter of IHS' Dec. 17 game at Dolores. The scoreboard tells an incredible story with the second quarter set to begin after the celebration.

IHS BOYS BASKETBALL

Bears broken by unrestrained Bobcats

IHS nets 11 3's, wins away by 42

By Joel Priest
SPECIAL TO THE DRUM

Neither Chris Valdez nor counterpart Larry Schwartz said much during the fourth quarter.

The former seemed content watching his squad make up for mistakes which had nearly cost them dearly at non-league 2A Center six nights earlier, while the latter ... his nightmare appeared to have no end.

Scariest of all for the Dolores head coach was that of Valdez's seven bench players, all of whom saw extensive minutes inside DHS Gymnasium during the teams' 2A/1A San Juan Basin League opener Dec. 17, only forward Kai Roubideaux didn't make at least one three-pointer in helping the Bobcats tear the Bears apart, 72-30.

Reserves Kole McCaw, Chase Sanchez and Lawrence Valdez canned, respectively, IHS' ninth, tenth and eleventh treys of the contest, finishing what senior Anthony Manzanares had started with his first triple early in what will likely remain Dolores Basketball's most horrifying eight minutes of the 2015-16 winter.

Having netted an easy layup to get the scoring underway, Manzanares then swished a three off the left wing for a near-instant 5-0 lead. Backcourt mate Wyatt Hayes then came up with a steal at the other end, and sent the rock forward to Manzanares for another two points before Manzanares drained another three.

Seeing how scalding his classmate's shooting hand was, Hayes wasted no time borrowing some of that heat to hit his first three, and an incensed Schwartz burned his second timeout with 5:49 still left in the first quarter.

Internally, the man had to have boiled over when Ignacio seniors Tucker Ward and Nick Herrera then powered right through the Bears' middle for layups, and Manzanares then cashed in a Kruz Pardo feed set up by a Roubideaux steal as Valdez began utilizing his second string probably much earlier than planned.

Backup guard Johnny Valdez then made the score 20-0 with IHS' first free throw and Pardo followed with a layup before DHS senior Branden Donaldson finally got the Bears on their own scoreboard with a breakaway finish and only – or, to the 'Cats, still – 93 seconds remaining in the period.

Johnny Valdez responded with Ignacio's fifth make from distance, and after Manzanares put down the crew's sixth from behind the arc – giving him a lethal 15 points in the frame – reserve Joaquin King buried the seventh as the buzzer sounded, standing well behind the line but near the DHS bench and right in Schwartz's sight.

Fittingly, neither had much to say; King merely grinned and shrugged amidst his teammates' celebration while jogging back to the IHS huddle, while Schwartz and his players could only look up at the bright red

lights and see a 31-2 deficit glaring back down at them.

And then, of course, wait to see the full severity of the storm, fueled by the enemy's pressing, trapping defense, during the suspense-less 24 regulation minutes which were to follow. All told, Ignacio (5-0, 1-0 SJBL) led 42-7 at halftime after a Roubideaux basket – meaning that after Lawrence Valdez's three-pointer fell, every Bobcat to see action had scored at least two points – and then 56-10 after the third quarter.

Manzanares' 15 held as the rout's top total, Hayes broke into double figures with ten points, and Herrera finished with eight (but was 2-of-6 at the foul line; IHS hit only 5-of-15, after 9-of-21 at CHS). Ward and Pardo each booked seven points, Kole McCaw and older brother Austin five apiece and Johnny Valdez finished with four.

Coming off the bench, Donaldson totaled five in defeat for Dolores (2-4, 1-1), reserve junior Ruben Gomez had six, and sophomore regular Justin Purkat registered his team-high eight during the Bears' 20-point fourth.

Owning the CHSAA Now. com Class 2A poll's No. 3 spot entering the holidays, IHS will resume action Jan. 8, 2016, with a SJBL visit from Ridgway. An away test at 4A Montezuma-Cortez awaits the following evening, preceding SJBL work in Mancos and Telluride on, respectively, the 15th and 16th.

IHS WRESTLING

Grapplers claim first SJBL dual

By Joel Priest
SPECIAL TO THE DRUM

Getting a quick look at 2A/1A San Juan Basin League foe Dolores' roster less than 48 hours before seeing the Bears again at the 2015 Piedra Vista Panther Classic down in Farmington, N.M., the Ignacio wrestlers chalked up a 45-18 dual win Thursday, Dec. 17, inside IHS Gymnasium.

Building upon a solid third-place team result at the previous weekend's Dove Creek "Dawg Fight," Jordan Larsen's Bobcats – 52 to 18 victors over the Bears last season – took three of the night's four contested weights, with juniors Stocker Robbins (113 pounds), Ethan Appenzeller (138) and Timmy Plehinger (152) all winning.

Robbins defeated his opponent 9-2, Plehinger and Appenzeller pinned theirs, but many of the 14 weights were forfeited by either side, making for a fast evening. Robbins and Appenzeller had won their

brackets at the aforementioned "Dawg Fight," while Plehinger had taken third place in his.

Junior 160-pounder Lorenzo Pena was also a champion at that event, and was named its Upper Weight Outstanding Wrestler after a dominating five-for-five effort. Ignacio finished behind only 2A Walsenburg John Mall and 5A Farmington, N.M., in the tournament's standings.

In addition to IHS and DHS, slated to compete at the Classic were Michael Bejar's hosting 5A Panthers and fellow NMAA 5A's Grants, Gallup, FHS,

Gallup Miyamura and Los Alamos. 6A Rio Rancho Cleveland and 4A Kirtland Central will also represent the Land of Enchantment, while also coming from the Centennial State will be 2A's DCHS and Mancos and 3A Bayfield.

Results from the last event scheduled in 2015 were unavailable by press time, as were any further details from the Dolores-Ignacio dual despite attempts made to contact Larsen and DHS' Dane Gallaher.

IHS' first competition in 2016 is currently set for Jan. 9 at Pagosa Springs' Rocky Mountain Invitational.

"Dawg Fight" champs, Dec. 12

106 – Trevor Schofield (Farmington, N.M.), **113 – STOCKER ROBBINS (IGNACIO)**, 120 – Jonathan Andreatta (Walsenburg John Mall), 126 – Marshal Ross (John Mall), 132 – Case Baughman (Dove Creek), **138 – ETHAN APPENZELLER (IGNACIO)**, 145 – Ryan Nava (Bayfield), 152 – Tyler Martinez (Del Norte), **160 – LORENZO PENA (IGNACIO)**, 170 – Grange Simpson (Blanding, UT, San Juan), 182 – Jake Jolly (Del Norte), 195 – Jason Murphy (John Mall), 220 – Kameron Schrock (Farmington, N.M.), Hwt – Sam Westbrook (Bayfield).

C-team beat the Bears



Ignacio's Clay Seibel leaps to rob a Dolores player of a rebound during boys' C-team action December 17 at DHS. The Bobcats overcame a small 10-8 halftime deficit to tie the game at 18-18 after three quarters and 27-27 through four before ultimately losing the battle in overtime, 34-29.



photos Joel Priest/Special to the Drum

Ignacio's Carlos Herrera (30) launches a three-point attempt during boys' C-team action December 17 at Dolores. The Bobcats overcame a small 10-8 halftime deficit to tie the game at 18-18 after three quarters and 27-27 through four before ultimately losing the battle in overtime, 34-29.



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Mateo Carmenoros: 563-0220 or 759-1668

Kevin Mallow: 563-0220 or 799-2473

HOUSING AUTHORITY- ROUTE (Snow removal for Tribal Dialysis, Disabled & Elder Only)

Sunset Circle

Senior Center- Entire area

Ignacio Peak

Northridge Rentals

Shoshone Avenue

Jefferson Drive

Eric Spady: 563-4575

Kenneth Richards: 749-7534

GROUND'S MAINTENANCE

(All Campus Parking Areas)

Museum, J&R, Justice, Purchasing, SunUte, Peaceful Spirit, LCB, Annex, Elders, SUIMA School, MCB, KSUT, Clinic, Dental, Multi-Purpose & Chapel, HIS, Higher Education, SUCAP, Food Distribution, Parking lots & Sidewalks.

Dale Santistevan: 563-0272 or 749-4463

BIA ROUTE

PowWow, Howe Dr. Cedar Point East and West, Ignacio Peak, Sunset Circle Loop, Tamuche, Piwood, Shoshone Avenue, Bear Dance Road, Ute Rd, & North Ridge. BIA does not clear driveways.

BIA: 563-9484

Vickie Begay: 759-6429

Herman Begay: 759-6705

GENERAL INFORMATION

During times of snow accumulations of 5 or more inches, please move your vehicles to the side so the drivers can plow an area for you to park in. Our drivers will do their best to avoid plowing snow behind or close to your walkways and vehicles. Please understand our drivers do their best to serve you and many others during snow storms and they may be delayed if they get stuck or have equipment failure or difficulties. Also know that our plow drivers must be able to plow snow and cannot devote time to manual snow removal. If you are an Elder or Disabled and you need assistance with manual snow removal, please contact Tribal Housing at 563-4710. Information on Tribal Office closures, weather reports, and clinic updates is available by calling the Tribal Hotline at 563-4800.

WALKWAYS AND ROOF - SNOW REMOVAL

Snow removal from walkways and roofs order of priority is: 1st) Dialysis Patients; 2nd) Disabled/Frail Tribal Members. In general, roof snow will be removed if the snow depth accumulates to a level where safety concerns are evident or potential damage to roof or structures may occur. If you believe you should be included in one of the categories, please contact Agriculture/Custom Farm, Mateo Carmenoros at 563-0220 or 759-1668.

ROOF RAKING

Roof raking for roofs is done by Construction Services Division on a case by case basis. The Tribe will not climb on roofs to remove snow, but will stand on the ground and reach as far as the tool will allow to safely remove accumulations of twelve (12) inches or more. Please contact Construction Services Division at 563-0260.

LIVESTOCK - SNOW PLOWING

Plowing snow for livestock is done by the Ag. Division and is low on the priority list. There is a minimum charge of \$35 due in advance for all livestock snow plowing. The cost is \$35 per hour for the first hour and then \$30 per hour for time in excess of one hour plus 35 cents per mile one way for travel time on livestock snow plowing. Please contact Agriculture Division, Custom Farm at 970-563-0220 if you wish to pay for these services.

Please remember to move personal items such as bikes, lawn mowers, water hoses, planter boxes any other item(s) out of the way, so that they do not get damaged by the snow plows.

NEW EMPLOYEES



Shiann Baker

Job title: Custodian

Description of duties: Keep the offices and buildings clean for employees.

Hobbies: Enjoy spending time with family and friends.

Family: Dorene Baker (mother)

Tribe: Southern Ute

Renee Tree

Job title: Cashier

Description of duties: Collecting A/R and giving A/P, distributing Tribal checks.

Hobbies: Sewing, hiking, and swimming.

Family: Tom Tree (brother), Yvonne Tree (sister), Richard Tafoya (brother)

Tribe: Southern Ute Indian Tribe

Additional Comments: I am grateful to be working for our Tribe.



Deja Rae Herrera

Job title: Mail clerk/receptionist

Description of duties: Answering the phone. Greeting visitors. Distributing mail to tribal members.

Hobbies: Relax at home. Eating. Spending time with my family.

Family: Sharon Jim-Herrera (mother) and Michael Herrera (father).

Tribe: Member of the Navajo Nation

Additional comments: I'm excited to be working with the Tribe!



Dale Gurule

Job title: Patrol officer

Description of duties: Patrol the reservation. Protecting everyone who lives on the reservation.

Family: Wife and daughter

Tribe: Oglala Sioux

In The Southern Ute Tribal Court

Of the Southern Ute Indian Tribe • On the Southern Ute Reservation
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NOTICE OF PROBATE

**In the Estate Of,
Mitchell Trent Baker, Deceased
Case No.: 2015-PR-0120**

Notice to: Heirs, devisees, legatees, creditors and all other persons claiming an interest in said estate: The Southern Ute Indian Tribe of the Southern Ute Indian Reservation, Ignacio, CO: Greetings: Take notice that a petition has been filed in this cause, alleging that the above decedent died leaving certain assets, and asking for the determination of heirs of said decedent, the administration of said estate including the allowing of creditors of said decedent and for distribution thereof. You are notified that said cause will be set for hearing before the Tribal Court at the above address on January 25, 2016 at 3 P.M. All persons having claims against the above estate are required to file them for allowance with the Tribal Court at the stated address on or before the time and date of said hearing, as above set forth or said claims shall be forever barred and all persons interested in said estate are hereby notified to appear and answer said Petition and offer evidence in support of their position. The Court will proceed to hear the matter at the date and time set above, or such later time to which the matter shall be continued and to make the determination therein necessary.

Dated this 17th of December, 2015
Kara Cuthair, Deputy Court Clerk

NOTICE OF LEGAL NAME CHANGE

**In the Legal Name Change of,
Case No: 2015-NC-0118
Mikki Naranjo Roubideaux, Civil Subject**
Notice is hereby given that Mikki Naranjo Roubideaux has filed an application for legal change of name, to be known hereafter as Mikki S. Naranjo. Any person desiring to

object to the granting of the petition may do so by filing an objection in writing with the Clerk of the Court no later than January 22, 2016 at 5 p.m. If no objection is made, the Court will grant the legal name change.

Dated this 7th day of December, 2015.

BY THE COURT,

Paula Trujillo, Court Clerk

NOTICE OF LEGAL NAME CHANGE

**In the Legal Name Change of,
DeBarry Gerone Cloud, Civil Subject
Case No.: 2015-NC-0114**

Notice: Notice is hereby given that DeBarry Gerone Cloud has filed an application for legal change of name, to be known hereafter as Barry Gerone Cloud. Any person desiring to object to the granting of the petition may do so by filing an objection in writing with the Clerk of the Court no later than December 31, 2015 at 5:00 p.m. If no objection is made, the Court will grant the legal name change.

Dated this 30th day of November, 2015.

BY THE COURT,

Paula Trujillo, Court Clerk

NOTICE OF LEGAL NAME CHANGE

**In the Legal Name Change of,
Julia Mae Cruz, Civil Subject
Case No.: 2015-NC-116**

Notice: Notice is hereby given that Julia Mae Cruz has filed an application for legal change of name, to be known hereafter as Juliya Mae Valdez. Any person desiring to object to the granting of the petition may do so by filing an objection in writing with the Clerk of the Court no later than January 29, 2016 at 5:00 pm. If no objection is made, the Court will grant the legal name change.

Dated this 3rd day of December, 2015.

BY THE COURT,

Dolores Romero, Court Clerk

COMMUNITY WISHES



DEC. 25 BIRTHDAY!

We would love to wish our papa and husband Amos O'John a very happy Birthday.

The Creator blessed us with your guidance, love and happiness.

We are truly thankful for all that you do for us. We hope your birthday wishes come true.

*We love you,
Your little tribe*

HAPPY BIRTHDAY MAVIS!

My Daughter

You'll never really know, my dear,
Just how much you mean to me,
A mother's love, buried so deep,
That only my heart can see.

When I sit and really stare at you,

All I can do is grin,

Somewhere down deep inside

I see myself within.

I'd never change a thing in you,

I thank God that you're so fine,

Even when you're at your worst,

I'm so proud that you are mine.

I would take back all the pain you've felt,

Only if I could.

Every day, I thank the Lord,

For a daughter as special as you!

*I love you very much!
Always, Mom*

EARLY Drum Deadline

Next issue:
Jan. 8
Deadline:
Jan. 4

Articles, photos, advertisements, public notices, letters and greetings may be submitted in person, by mail, or by email to: sasmith@southernute-nsn.gov

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Your input is needed! Our club Board of Directors create its vision, plan programs, develop funding and more. We are looking for experienced people who are invested in this community's youth and are excited about being a key component of this organization. There are open positions for tribal or community members with financial and/or leadership experience.

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For more information please contact Mr. Bruce LeClaire, CPO, at (970) 563-0100 x 2694

Are you an enrolled Southern Ute Tribal Member
18 or over and Registered to vote?

THE SOUTHERN UTE ELECTION BOARD IS SEARCHING FOR
1- ALTERNATE BOARD MEMBER, COULD THIS BE YOU!

This is a Tribal appointment and a paid position. If you are interested, please submit a Letter of Intent with a current phone number on it to the Human Resources Department at the Leonard C. Burch Building (Tribal Office) Monday, January 11, 2016 by 5 p.m. The Election Board is located on the Second Floor, West Wing of the Tribal Office. If you have any questions, please call 970-563-0100, ext: 2303 or 2305.

It's your Voice It's your Tribal Community

Southern Ute Election Board, P.O. Box 737, MS #32 Ignacio, CO 81137-0737

TRIBAL EMPLOYMENT RIGHTS OFFICE
Call for TERO Commissioners

Deadline is Dec. 30, 2015 at 5 p.m. for letter of intention. Questions? Call 970-563-0117.

2016 Southern Ute Drum Deadlines

DEADLINE DATES	Publication dates	Federally recognized holidays & tribal office closures
Jan. 4	Jan. 8	New Year's Day (1/1), offices closed 1/1
Jan. 15*	Jan. 22	Martin Luther King Jr. Day (1/18), offices closed 1/18
Feb. 1	Feb. 5	Valentine's Day (2/14)
Feb. 12	Feb. 19	
Feb. 29	Mar. 4	President's Day (2/15), offices closed 2/15
Mar. 14	Mar. 18	Easter (3/27)
Mar. 28	Apr. 1	April Fools Day (4/1)
Apr. 11	Apr. 15	
Apr. 25	Apr. 29	May Day (5/1), Mother's Day (5/8)
May 9	May 13	
May 23	May 27	Memorial Day (5/30), offices closed 5/30. SU Bear Dance (5/27-30)
Jun. 6	Jun. 10	Father's Day (6/19)
Jun. 20	Jun. 24	Independence Day (7/4), offices closed 7/4
Jul. 1*	Jul. 8	Sun Dance Feast (7/18), offices closed 7/18. SU Sun Dance (7/14-18)
Jul. 15	Jul. 22	
Aug. 1	Aug. 5	
Aug. 15	Aug. 19	
Aug. 29	Sep. 2	Labor Day (9/5), offices closed 9/5. Grandparent's Day (9/11)
Sep. 12	Sep. 16	SU Tribal Fair & Powwow (9/9-11)
Sep. 26	Sep. 30	
Oct. 10	Oct. 14	Cultural Diversity Day (10/10)
Oct. 24	Oct. 28	Halloween (10/31)
Nov. 4*	Nov. 10*	Veterans Day (11/11), offices closed (11/11)
Nov. 17*	Nov. 23*	Thanksgiving (11/24), offices closed 11/24 & 11/25
Dec. 2*	Dec. 8*	Leonard C. Burch Day (12/10), offices closed 12/9
Dec. 19	Dec. 23	Christmas (12/25), offices closed 12/26

*denotes early deadline or publication date

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SOUTHERN UTE INDIAN TRIBE Boards And Committees Vacancies

CREDIT COMMITTEE MEMBER VACANCY

The Tribal Credit Committee has an opening for a member. The committee member must be 18 years old and be an enrolled member of the Tribe. Individuals seeking to serve on the Committee must demonstrate a reputation of personal integrity, dependability, honesty, a strong work ethic, and the ability to perform in a non-biased, confidential and fair manner. They must be familiar with the objectives of the Declaration and must maintain good financial standing with the Tribe. These individuals must also pass a criminal background and reference checks. The term may be for a three (3) year period. Duties of the Credit Committee: Approve loans as required by the Declaration; Monitor compliance with Declaration; Monitor approved loan performance; Make recommendations to Tribal Council on program revisions and updates regarding Committee operations; Maintain confidentiality, objectivity and fairness in conducting all Committee business; Hold monthly regular meeting and other special meetings as necessary; and Coordinate the Committee's annual budget with Tribal Credit Staff. All interested Tribal members who would like to serve on the committee are urged to submit a letter of interest to Matthew Morishige in the Tribal Credit Department.

ETHICS COMMISSION VACANCIES

The Ethics Office is accepting letter of interest from tribal members to fill positions on the Ethics Commission: ONE vacancy for "Ethic Commission Member" (Closing date Dec. 30, 2015). Qualifications are: Be a member of the Southern Ute Indian Tribe at least 18 years of age or older; Have a reputation for fairness and impartiality; Have a familiarity with tribal government; Satisfactory completion of a background investigation for criminal history showing no convictions or guilty pleas for felonies or any misdemeanor involving dishonesty. The Ethics Commission meets on an Ad Hoc basis and members that are NOT otherwise employed with the tribal organization are compensated at a rate of \$100 per half day. Please submit letters of interest to the Department of Justice and Regulatory, PO Box 737-MS#10, Ignacio, CO, or in person at the Justice and Regulatory Administration Building, 71 Mike Frost Way. All letters will be presented to the Southern Ute Tribal Council for their consideration.

KSUT BOARD OF DIRECTORS

KSUT is seeking individuals to fill three (3) open seats on the Board of Directors. One (1) is open specifically for the "Native American at Large" seat; and Two (2) are open for the general Board seats. Interested candidates should submit a letter of interest to KSUT Board Vice-President Paula Miller at paulajomiller@gmail.com (read it Paula Jo Miller at gmail DOT com) or mail to PO Box 737, Ignacio, CO 81137. Seats are open until filled. This is a non-paid position that requires attending board meetings every month, with additional special meetings as needed. KSUT is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization. For more information visit the KSUT website at www.ksut.org. These positions are open until filled.

MUSEUM BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Southern Ute Cultural Center and Museum (SUCCM) is seeking a qualified tribal or community member for its all-volunteer Board of Directors. The candidate should possess strong fundraising, marketing, and/or volunteer recruitment skills. For an application and position description, please call 970-563-9583 during regular business hours. Open until filled.

TRIBAL EMPLOYMENT RIGHTS COMMISSION (TERO) VACANCIES

The Southern Ute Indian Tribe is seeking three (3) at-large Southern Ute Tribal Members and two (2) alternates who would like to serve on the Tribal Employment Rights Commission, which are compensation positions. Applicants must be an enrolled Southern Ute Tribal member and possess the following requirements: Tribal member at-large who are not currently employed by the Tribal Government or the Growth Fund and who do not own or operate a certified Indian Owned Business; Experience or expertise in administrative hearing procedures; Eighteen (18) years of age or older; Good character; and Ability to observe restrictions concerning conflict of interest and confidentiality. If you are interested in serving on the Tribal Employment Rights Commission, please submit your Letter of Intent to the TERO Division by 5:00 p.m., Wednesday, Dec. 30, 2015. If you have any questions, please call TERO, at 970-563-0117 or 970-563-0100 ext. 2291. TERO is located in the J&R Administration Building, 71 Mike Frost Way, (north of the Tribal Court building).

BRING IT ON!

RING IT IN WITH THE HIGH ROLLERS

New Year's Eve

THURSDAY * DECEMBER 31 * 2015

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SHOW STARTS 8PM

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Southern Ute Growth Fund – Job announcements

Please visit our website at www.sugf.com/jobs.asp to view job details and to apply online.

Human Resources • P.O. Box 367 • Ignacio, CO

Phone: 970-563-5064 • Job hotline: 970-563-5024

Tribal Member employment preference • Must pass pre-employment drug test/background check.

Natural Gas Operator I – SU Growth Utilities Division (Ignacio, CO)

Closing date 12/28/15

Under general supervision of the Utilities Operations Supervisor, this position operates within the Southern Ute Natural Gas system and assists with the day to day operation of other Utilities tasks. Minimum qualifications include: High school diploma or equivalent is required. Must have one year experience in natural gas distribution or gas pipeline operations; Able to operate a backhoe proficiently; Able to become certified in small diameter gas pipe fusion within one year of hire; Have valid driver's license for state of residency and be insurable under the Growth Fund vehicle insurance policy; Have, or be able to obtain, Class "B" CDL within one year of hire; Maintain a telephone for emergency notification purposes; Able to work on call, irregular hours (shift work), holidays, and weekends; and pass pre-employment drug test and criminal history background check.

SUCAP – Job announcements

Southern Ute Community Action Program

Central Office • 285 Lakin St., Ignacio, CO • Phone: 970-563-4517 • Fax: 970-563-4504

Obtain complete job description/application from SUCAP offices • www.sucap.org

Clerical Assistant

SUCAP/Southern Ute Montessori Head Start

Closing date 12/31/15

Full-time with benefits. High School Diploma/GED and one year experience in administrative or preferred clerical with computerized data management systems, word processing, and general secretarial skills required. Must have strong computer skills, flexible on assigned duties, ability to be a team player and takes pride in their work. Must pass background checks.

Occupant Safety Coordinator

Southern Ute Head Start

Closing date 1/5/16

An excellent opportunity to serve and engage in a great community. Full-time, 25 hour. Flexible schedule is required. Occupant Safety Programs experience preferred. High School Diploma or GED required. Able to lift minimum of 30 lbs. and experience with power tools. Subject to a background check, medical exam and TB test.

Ignacio School District – Job announcements

Application/Information: 970-563-0500 ext. 221

Information, job descriptions and application can be found at: www.ignacioschools.org

Teacher Assistants

Closing date 12/28/15

Ignacio School District is accepting applications for Teacher Assistants. Must hold an AA degree or pass the Paratest.

Southern Ute Health Services Division Home Health Aide positions available

The Health Services Division is looking for part-time Home Health Aides to work under the supervision of the Home Health Coordinator. A Home Health Aide provides services in the home when an individual or family cannot meet these responsibilities. This is a great way to help those who need help while benefitting yourself. These positions provide the opportunity to work with multiple clients. A Home Health Care Aide is responsible only for the client being served, not for the entire household. He must stay with the client during the entire time of service. The Aide must function in a professional manner and relay pertinent observations about the client to the physicians and nurses responsible for the client's care. All information about any clients must be maintained in confidence. Home health services are limited to housekeeping and nonclinical personal care. The Health Services Division provides training that includes CPR/First Aid, HIPAA (confidentiality), and food handler certification. We encourage other related training and education that is available through the Education Department. The client must be home-bound, disabled, or an Elder. A referral from a physician or nurse is required to establish the care needed. Please call the Health Services Division at 970-563-0154 if you are interested in working as a Home Health Aide. Applications are available on the Human Resources website.

Southern Ute Indian Tribe – Job announcements

Please refer to the complete job announcements on the Human Resources website at www.southern-ute.nsn.us/jobs. If you need help filling out an online application, please come into the HR office and we are happy to assist you on our applicant computer stations.

ALL EMPLOYMENT APPLICATIONS ARE SUBMITTED ONLINE

Applicants and employees, please be sure the HR Department has your current contact information on file. P.O. Box 737 - Ignacio, CO 81137

Phone: 970-563-0100 ext. 2424 • Fax: 970-563-0302 • Hotline: 970-563-4777

Human Resources accepts applications for temporary employment on an ongoing basis.

Heavy Equipment Operator

Closing date 12/31/15

Provides routine maintenance and safe operation of heavy equipment in carrying out project assignments for the Construction Services Division. Pay grade 17; \$17.20/hour.

Detention Transport Officer

Closing date 12/28/15

Under general supervision of the Detention Sergeant, incumbent maintains the safety and welfare of inmates and visitors and monitors all inmate activities within and outside of the detention center. The Transportation/Detention Officer will be responsible for transportation of inmates to and from other facilities, medical appointments, and court appearances. Pay grade 18; \$18.96/hour.

Patrol Officer

Open until filled

Patrols the Southern Ute Indian Reservation, and is responsible for preserving the life

and property of all citizens within the Tribal Community. Pay grade 19; \$21.32/hour.

Crisis Caseworker

Open until filled

Provides counseling referrals for resources available to victims of crime within the exterior boundaries of the Southern Ute Reservation. Pay grade 15; \$13.89/hour.

Teacher - Lower Elementary

Open until filled

This is a professional teaching position with the Private Education Department. An employee in this position uses the Montessori philosophy to provide Southern Ute Indian Montessori Academy students with a developmentally appropriate learning environment meeting the physical, social/emotional, cognitive, and cultural needs of the child. To communicate effectively with parents/guardians about their child's progress in each domain area.

Enrolled Local Native American Only

Criminal Investigator

Open Until Filled

Investigates alleged or suspected violations of criminal law that occur within the criminal jurisdiction of the Southern Ute Indian Tribe. Compiles reports, collects evidence and witness statements, and prepares cases for presentation in Tribal or Federal Court. Pay grade 22; \$29.75/hour.

Southern Ute Tribal Member Only

Cultural Media Technician

Closing date 12/28/15

Creating audio and video documentation of language and culture teaching and activities, creating language and culture learning technological tools, editing the material, and copying and archiving the material. Pay grade 18; \$18.96/hour.

Administrative Assistant-Housing

Closing date 12/30/15

Performs administrative support for the Housing Department, including secretarial duties, receptionist, clerical and information system support, including office records management services. Pay grade 16; \$15.65/hour.

Agriculture Field Supervisor Apprentice

Closing date 12/31/15

Apprentice position for a Southern Ute Tribal member. The length of the apprentice program is twelve (12) months, unless there are circumstances requiring an extension or reduction. There will be with quarterly evaluations based upon performance. The beginning wage is 20% below a grade 18. The program is designed to meet the interests of a Southern Ute Tribal Member with a desire to learn the process involved with agricultural production, custom farming practices and staff management and supervision.

Sky Ute Casino Resort – Job announcements

Visit our website at www.skyutecasino.com to view job openings and apply online.

Human Resources • Phone: 970-563-1311 • PO Box 340, Ignacio, CO 81137

TERO-Native American Preference • All Applicants Welcome

Must pass pre-employment drug test, background check, qualify for and maintain a Division of Gaming License and be able to work all shifts, weekends or holidays.

*Bingo Staff (Part-time with benefits)

Closing date 12/24/15

Performs paper and pull tab sales at the Bingo Hall entrance and Bingo Floor. Announces bingo games, includes assisting customers with any questions regarding operations of the bingo games. Responsible for verifying winning bingo cards and makes payouts accordingly. High School diploma/equivalency. 21 years old+. Must have good cash handling skills, previous experience with cash transactions required. Must have strong basic math skills.

*Multi-Games Dealer (Full-time)

Closing date 12/24/15

Deals blackjack (Class 3), three card poker, roulette and specialty games while providing a positive guest experience through accurate, prompt, courteous and efficient service. 21 years old+. Must have a High School Diploma/equivalency. Must have 6 months experience as a table games dealer OR Dealer School Certification. Must pass audition demonstrating proficiency in blackjack, three card poker, roulette and specialty games.

*Night Auditor-Hotel (Full-time, Graveyard)

Closing date 12/28/15

Provides outstanding customer service to internal and external customers, promotes the Casino hotel to the guest throughout all stages of the guest's stay. Responsible for answering phone calls, assisting guests with questions regarding Casino services, taking reservations and charging for services. High School Diploma/equivalency. 21 years old+. Must have 6 months previous experience in motel or hotel operation required as front desk or night auditor. Strong computer skills required; knowledge of hotel program software preferred.

*Poker Dealer (Full-time)

Closing date 12/24/15

Deals the various games of Class 2 poker while promoting a positive guest experience through accurate, prompt, courteous and efficient

service. High School diploma/equivalency. 21 years old+. Must have 6 months experience as a poker dealer OR Dealer School Certification. Must pass audition demonstrating proficiency in poker.

Café Cashier (Full-time)

Closing date 12/28/15

Taking guests food orders, accurately totaling food and beverage purchases and collecting payments. Assists in preparing and serving any and all foods necessary for the Cafe kitchen. Cashier prepares ala carte food products from the hot food line in the front area of the Café. Must have High School diploma/equivalency. 18 years old+. 1 year of cashiering and food service experience. Must have a point-of-sale cash register experience.

*User Support/Database Administrator (Full-time)

Closing date 12/24/15

Provides database and systems maintenance and support for the various database systems in use at Sky Ute Casino Resort. Supports all systems on Casino property. Provides support for the departments as necessary in a 24 hours per day, 7 days per week, 365 days per year operation. Bachelor's degree in Computer Science or related field and 3 yrs experience in DBMS (Database Management Systems) or systems development, or equivalent experience. Preferably the experience will be in a client/server environment. Must have knowledge and experience in working with and supporting accounting systems. Preferably the experience will be in an Aristocrat Environment. Must have knowledge and experience in the development of database systems utilizing MS SQL Server. Preferably the applicant will be MS SQL certified. Must have experience in installation and configuration of Windows Server 2008 or 2012 in a clustered environment.

**Must be 21 years of age*

Looking for a career

The Southern Ute Health Services/CHR division is expanding services

Now hiring Home Health Care Aides for part-time hours
Please call 970-563-0154 for details
Training & education advantages

AGRICULTURE DIVISION

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SOUTHERN UTE TRIBAL MEMBERS ONLY!!

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FLY-FISHING

The joys of receiving

By Don Oliver
SPECIAL TO THE DRUM

This is the time of the year that all columnists seem to write about the joys of giving. So, as I sat down to write this month's column, I started thinking about what to say concerning giving. Then it dawned on me, for everybody that gives, somebody has to receive. And, this year, I was one of the getters. I got lots this year.

First and foremost, I got a new fly fishing buddy. Of course, it will be six or seven years before my new grandson is able to cast a fly with Grumps. The wait will be excruciating. I also had my ego stroked by having my new book, The Joys of Being a Fly Fishing Guide, published. It even sold a few copies.

Other neat stuff I got were the fly-fishing trips to places featuring white sand and salt water. I managed to go to Belize with my friend Sam, where we both hooked into permit. A family reunion held in the Cayman Islands produced bonefish for me, my son, and son-in-law. If you're now thinking about salt-water fly-fishing, as you watch it snow, know that I am in the Bahamas chasing more bonefish. This getting stuff is really fun.

Two trips in Colorado gave me lots of fun and laughs. Sam and I made our way east to the New Mexico border just north of Taos. From this location we fished for two days, on



private ranches, in Colorado. The trout were wild, big, and loved dry flies. We were also the only fishermen on the ranches. I wrote about the other trip to Colorado with my good friends from Texas. I still find myself laughing as I think of all the fun that came my way on that trip.

The fly-fishing safari to the Northeast, with my wife, was some of the most fun I had in 2015. Lots of fish, cell phones that didn't work, a beautiful part of this country, great places to eat, and gracious hosts, made the gift of receiving really wonderful. Not to overlook Durango, my favorite place to fly fish, I was blessed with lots of opportunities for receiving.

The grand kids arrived to throw rocks in the stream and catch lots of fish in the pond. They also never missed a chance to remind Grumps how smart he was. Grandkids are the best. I also had two gentlemen from Texas who had paid money, at a non-profit auction, for the privilege to fish with me for three days. In addition to those two men,

two others bought a one day trip from BigBrothers-BigSisters to fish with me. Speaking of BBBS's, they renewed their day of fishing, with me, for the Bigs and Littles. Being wanted is truly a great gift to receive.

So, what gifts will show up in 2016? I am hoping for fly-fishing trips that will keep me isolated from the political idiocy just now getting warmed up. Some of those trips will be to area lakes I have yet to fish, and east again to work on my quest to catch fish, with my fly rod, in all 50 states. I know another new body part, to make walking easier, is on the schedule. (I am the poster child for why people become orthopedic surgeons.)

While this year has been terrific in giving me lots of fun and great memories, it has also been filled with an incredible amount of sorrow in the news and in the loss of dear friends and a good fishing buddy. And there is the plain ole, ordinary, political stupidity. To make it even worse, there are lots more of it, piled higher and deeper, heading our way. So, as 2015 draws to a close, I want to use my annual politically incorrect statement. (I only make one a year.)

"I wish everyone; Feliz Navidad, Happy Hanukkah, a good Eid al-Adha, and of course, Merry Christmas. If none of these fits your beliefs, then may whatever touches your heart with hope be with you all of 2016."



Robert L. Ortiz/SU Drum

1st place winner in the Leonard C. Burch Art contest, Ruby Tallbird displays her winning artwork. Ruby is in Kindergarten at the Ignacio Elementary School.



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Eight grader, Santana Edd-Belin, 1st place winner in the Leonard C. Burch Literacy contest. She incorporated Nelson Mandela, Disney and her cat into her winning essay.

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ing plan school events and keeping the school clean. In addition, I participate in martial arts and am a role model for younger students.

What do you think makes a quality leader? There are and have been many thousands of leaders in the

world, but two of the most prominent for me are Leonard C. Burch and Winston Churchill. Everyone should have a hero in their life. They were both outstanding examples of leadership, showing honor, integrity, and intelligence. They car-

ried themselves with dignity, kept high moral standards and always knew what was right. They both lead their people to peace and prosperity. All in all, I think you can see why Leonard C. Burch and Winston Churchill are heroes to me.

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with me or takes me rock climbing. When he isn't doing anything he will ask me if I want to go somewhere. We usually go to Durango to get ice cream at Baskin Robbins and we walk around for a little bit. Another reason my grandpa shows honesty is by telling the truth, not lying to me, my family and other people. That's how I know my grandpa is honest. My grandpa shows all the traits and that's why he is my leader!

I am twelve years old and I have blond hair and blue eyes. I go to school at Ignacio Junior High. I have

learned many thing about Mr. Burch. I hope to meet him when I go to heaven. I participate in school functions. I am in student council. I love helping my school and the kids in my school. My favorite sport is basketball. I am on a basketball team. I also love volunteering at the Manna Soup Kitchen in Durango, Colorado. I love volunteering there so I can see the smiles on people's faces when they come and eat.

I am a leader in several ways. I show that I am a leader by showing bravery, honesty and integrity. I show

bravery by standing up for kids in my school that can't stand up for themselves. I also show honesty. I show honesty by not lying to people. And when I make a promise I keep that promise. I show honesty by telling the truth. The last trait is integrity. I show integrity by doing what's right not wrong. I show integrity by standing up for people and kids in my school. I also show integrity by helping the elderly and the family I love. I am so happy to be writing about Mr. Burch; he is my leader and my grandpa is too. Thank you for reading my essay.

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ba. Sheba will know when I am distressed or when I am upset and every action she does for me is for my benefit in someway or another.

I have hated the words and I have loved them, and I hope I have made them right. – The Book Thief Liesel Meminger. To me words can rip my heart out or stitch me back together so sometimes actions are all we need.

Being a leader is one of the hardest things that I try to do and when I show lead-

er characteristics nine times out of ten I don't realize it. I don't think I could ever be a good leader, when I wrap my head around the idea of being a leader it seems so overwhelming and hard to do so Nelson Mandela, Leonard C. Burch, and Martin Luther King Jr. made being a leader look easy-ish despite the responsibility and hardship it takes to be a good leader. Someone who is willing to give up some of the best things in their lives to guide

and care for something or someone is a true leader in my eyes so I may not be a leader of a nation but I am a leader of myself and that's good enough for me.

Leaders aren't the people who take things for granted or people who seem like the best option since they have what others wish they could have like money or riches. True faithful leaders are hard to come by and when you find them you should cherish them.

LOCAL IGNACIO WEATHER

Christmas

Mostly cloudy 34°F
Chance of rain/snow

Saturday, Dec. 26

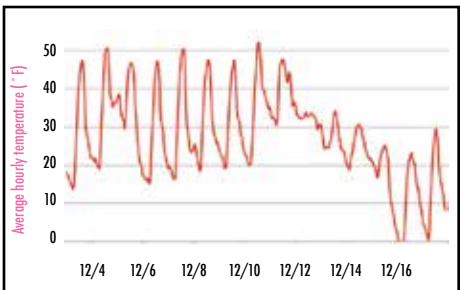
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Sunday, Dec. 27

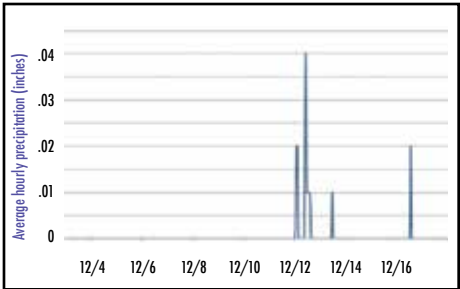
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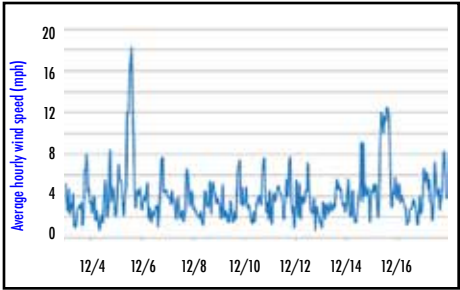
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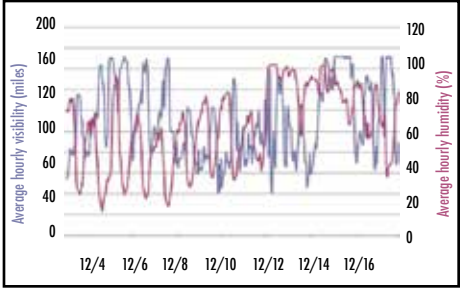
Temperature	
High	52.2°
Low	-2.0°
Average	27.8°
Average last year	34.6°



Precipitation	
Total	0.170"
Total last year	0.250"



Wind speed	
Average	4.0
Minimum	0.8
Maximum	18.1



Visibility & humidity	
Average visibility	111.1
Average humidity	62.9%

Air quality	
Good	
Air quality descriptor: 34	

"Drum to the Beat of a Healthy Heart"
Digital Storytelling Workshop

We would like to invite you to spread the word about heart disease and stroke among our people. We are seeking participants who have a story to share about the impact heart disease, stroke, or how you prevent risk factors by living a healthy lifestyle. By participating in the Digital Storytelling workshop and sharing your story, you will start a conversation that can save a life.

January 20 – 22, 2016
9:00AM – 5:00PM (every day)
Albuquerque, NM

REGISTER AT <http://bit.ly/DSjan2016>
Registration is limited to 12 participants and will close as soon as the slots are filled.

To help you prepare for the workshop, we scheduled a one hour Getting Ready Webinar. Please choose one Webinar you will be able to participate in:

- Tuesday, January 5, 2016 at 3:00pm MST
- OR
- Tuesday, January 12, 2016 at 10:00am MST

During the workshop, you will ...

- create your own three-minute digital story about the impact heart disease, stroke, or how you prevent risk factors by living a healthy lifestyle.
- learn the basics of script development, digital imagery and video editing.
- record and integrate your voice with your pictures.

This workshop is brought to you by:
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Do you have a heart healthy story to share ?